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**To:** <JBrown@sandiego.gov>, <AOskoui@sandiego.gov>  
**Date:** 9/19/2007 8:59:55 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd: Re: Urgent Help needed -Sole Source Consultant Agreement

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To: AOskoui@sandiego.gov  
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Sent: 9/19/07 7:48 AM  
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**From:** Jamal Batta  
**To:** Mark Mercer; Richard Haas  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 1:57 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

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>>> Mark Mercer 9/19/2007 12:33 PM >>>

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**To:** Rob Hawk  
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I presumed that have informed, correct? Who is the point of contact?

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>>> Rob Hawk 09/19/07 9:22 AM >>>

We usually make that determination for with the City Building Official. Rob

>>> Mark Mercer 9/19/07 9:10:39 AM >>>

Do we need to inform the County or state agency if this is a health and safety issue? At what point do would we need to evacuate residents?

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FYI: These action items or tasks have been performed as of Tuesday 9/18/07 by ECP staff following the 9/17/07 meeting.

1. Michael Handal & Jamal Batta have been tasked with the project management duties for the investigation and construction of the stabilization.

2. ECP Staff met on site Tuesday afternoon with Stan Helenschmidt and Mike Hart from Helenschmidt Geotechnical, Inc. This is what we agreed on:

- a. The geotechnical consultant will give us a proposal by tomorrow to install inclinometers to measure the earth movement and displacement (if any).
- b. The geotechnical proposal will be ready by Friday or Monday at the latest. The proposal will include soil exploration and investigation. Prepare plans and specs for construction. Fees and schedule.
- c. Field Engineering will do the survey.

3. Jaymie Bradford, Mario Sierra, John Brown, and Hasan Yousef have been added to the general distribution list for this issue

4. SDG&E was contacted regarding protecting their utilities and will contact Jamal. (Maricela Leon 858.654.8339 Fax 858.636.3965 [mleon@semprautilities.com](mailto:mleon@semprautilities.com))

5. The text of the letter to homeowners was provided by the Water Department, and has been reviewed by a Deputy City Attorney and has been sent to the management group for review prior to mailing (planned for Wednesday).

6. Carol Drummand, Senior PIO, was named as the Hotline contact for this project. She toured the site today with Jamal, Rob, Michael and the geotechnical consultants.

7. The Building Official and DSD geology staff were briefed on the geotechnical issues and risk concerns for the area residents by Rob Hawk on Monday, 9/17/07.

8. ECP Field Engineering agreed to set up a survey monitoring grid to detect vertical and horizontal displacement in the affected area. Points to be set on 9/19/07

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**To:** Brown, John; Oskoui, Afshin  
**Date:** 9/19/2007 9:03:15 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd: Re: Urgent Help needed -Sole Source Consultant Agreement

Afshin: Hossein & I have spoken with Mario & Hasan regarding the sealing. Hasan will be meeting with Michael Handal or me in the field today.  
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**From:** Stan Medina  
**To:** Alex Ruiz  
**Date:** 9/19/2007 9:08:14 AM  
**Subject:** Re: HI Line on Mt Soledad

Alex,  
We are leaving the hiline as is. Jim and I reviewed the grading drawings and determined that we should leave it in place and install a new hydrant about 150 feet north of the previously installed temporary hydrant.  
thanks

>>> Alex Ruiz 9/19/2007 8:55:33 AM >>>

Thanks Stan. I checked Cam Avola last night and the site looks relatively clean and orderly..... Are you still proposing to reduce the number of hi-lined homes, or are we staying with the original configuration, just adding a hydrant?

Re Mt. Soledad: I am unaware of any reason to remove from service the fire hydrant in alley, but will check on this with the geotech (Rob Hawk)... Also, I will confirm the urgency, but I suspect we will not be able to wait until next Thursday for hiline.. Can we pull the trigger on the hiline by Friday?

Alex

(619) 533-6692  
Assistant Director  
Water Department

>>> Stan Medina 9/19/2007 8:31 AM >>>

Alex,  
Today we are beginning the process to install an additional fire hydrant on Caminito Avola, to provide adequate fire protection. It's a two day process, by tomorrow afternoon it should be activated. I will contact the SDFD and inform them, (I'm certain they will be pleased).

After meeting with Jesse and Bernard, we have scheduled the initial hiling process for Soledad Mt. Rd. to begin next Thursday, September 27th. We will hiline first, and then cut & plug the 12"AC water main. I will contact the SDFD and discuss fire hydrants and fire protection.

Also, is there a reason we are being requested to put the fire hydrant in the alley east of Soledad Mt. Rd. out of service?

Thanks

Stan Medina  
Construction Program Manager  
Water Department, Operations  
619-527-7434

>>> Alex Ruiz 9/19/2007 7:13:30 AM >>>

Stan:  
Let me know how you are doing on the two hiling operations in the Mt Soledad are... 1) Caminito Avola reconfiguration to minimize impact and provide additional hydrants, and the new Mt Soledad hiline operation - when will we have a target date for hiline installation?.. Thanks

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**To:** <CToth@sandiego.gov>, <RHawk@sandiego.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

Rob, it maybe a good idea to try and just send out one letter w/ the addition of Chris' sentence.

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Cc: AOskoui@sandiego.gov; RuizA@sandiego.gov  
Sent: 9/19/07 7:52 AM  
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yes, we can. Simply wanted to avoid an additional written homeowner letter, if not needed. The text that I would have included in this letter was... "During this on-site investigation, City forces may request from you temporary access to your private property in order to televise the sewer lateral leading from your house to the city's sewer main."

thanks, Chris

>>> Rob Hawk 9/19/2007 7:37 AM >>>

Chris: can we do that separately? We need to get this out today because the highline is a priority (laterals leak much slower). We can send that to the ones we identify as at risk. This letter is more for the entire neighborhood. If you send me a draft, I'll start it through the process with the CA & mgt. Rob

>>> Christopher Toth 9/19/07 7:00:14 AM >>>

Rob, I would like to include a sentence or two indicating that city forces also may be interested in televising certain property owners' sewer laterals as well. Can we include verbiage to that effect in this letter? Chris

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## **Richard Haas - Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers**

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The purpose of this effort is to minimize potential for damage to the water main and roadway from possible soil movement in the 5700 block of Soledad Mountain Road. Until the cause of the leaks has been identified and corrected, the City will utilize the highline to provide safe and reliable water service for your property and other properties that depend upon the subject water main.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during our activities in the area to protect the utilities, and investigate and identify the cause of the problem. During this time, please contact Carol Drummond at our hotline (619) 533-3872 if you have any questions. If you notice any service leaks, please immediately call our utility hotline at (619) 515-3525.



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**To:** MHandal@sandiego.gov, JBatta@sandiego.gov  
**Date:** September 19, 2007 9:21:12 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Soledad Mountain Road Earth Movement TB 1248 A2

Please see attached from SDG&E contact for gas lines. He has initiated contact with his counterparts for electric, and want to meet on-site. I told him I would be available in the afternoon, but I am sending your contact info to him. Rob

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**To:** <RHawk@sandiego.gov>  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 19, 2007 10:06:34 AM  
**Subject:** Re: 5725 Soledad Mountain Road, San Diego

Thanks Rob: Good to have it but not any help. I think we are going to have to make our own map. The city 200 scale orthophoto map is too difficult to read and not enough detail.  
Mike

\*\*\*\*\* See what's new at <http://www.aol.com>

**From:** Ron Dodds  
**To:** MWHart@aol.com; Rob Hawk; Stan Helenschmidt  
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**Subject:** Re: 5725 Soledad Mountain Road, San Diego

Please find attached a pdf file for the subject area...

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>>> Rob Hawk 09/19/07 10:36 AM >>>

See if some of these are helpful. I think Surveys is putting together a map for you, so you may want to talk to Ron Dodds, the Senior Surveyor 858-627-3220 to see what he can provide. Rob Hawk

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>>> <[MWHart@aol.com](mailto:MWHart@aol.com)> 9/19/07 10:05:49 AM >>>

Thanks Rob: Good to have it but not any help. I think we are going to have to make our own map. The city 200 scale orthophoto map is too difficult to read and not enough detail.  
Mike

\*\*\*\*\* See what's new at <http://www.aol.com>

**From:** Rob Hawk  
**To:** Fisher, Jim; Haas, Richard; Jarrell, David; Mercer, Mark; Oskoui, Afshin; Palmucci, Ray; Ruhi, Hossein; Ruiz, Alex; Sierra, Mario; Toth, Christopher  
**Date:** 9/19/2007 9:25:11 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

I cannot unequivocally determine that from what I know, and I don't know if the crews recorded what occurred. Subsequent breaks, yes. Rob

>>> Richard Haas 9/19/07 9:10:02 AM >>>

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## **Marnell Gibson - Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers**

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The purpose of this effort is to minimize potential for damage to the water main and roadway from possible soil movement in the 5700 block of Soledad Mountain Road. Until the cause of the leaks has been identified and corrected, the City will utilize the highline to provide **safe and** reliable water service for your property and other properties that depend upon the subject water main.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during our activities in the area to protect the utilities, and investigate and identify the cause of the problem. During this time, please contact Carol Drummond at our hotline (619) 533-3872 if you have any questions. If you notice any service leaks, please immediately call our utility hotline at (619) 515-3525.

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**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 9:43 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

1. Don't know; perhaps someone else could answer
2. Mark Mercer and Ray Palmucci are with CA office.

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>>> "Jaymie Bradford" <JBradford@sandiego.gov> 9/19/07 9:40:42 AM >>>

Two questions -

1. Does CD1 know yet this is going to happen?
2. Are the issues resolved with the city atty's office?

[Message delivered by NotifyLink]

-----Original Message-----

From: "Rob Hawk" <rhawk@sandiego.gov>  
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**From:** Afshin Oskoui  
**To:** JBatta@sandiego.gov  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 12:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

I am out of the office and will be back on Monday. I will respond to you when I return. If this is urgent please contact Hossein Ruhi regarding Engineering Dept. matters. The following section heads can be contacted relative to project specific issues.

Field Engineering-----Hossein Ruhi/Dave Zoumares  
Transportation Design Division-----Dave Zoumares/Marnell Gibson  
Transportation Operations-----Debroah Van Wanseele  
Architectural Engineering & Parks-----Darren Greenhalgh  
Water & Sewer Design-----James Nagelvoort  
Contracts-----Mohsen Maali  
IT issues-----Noel Gilchrist  
ADA/Access Law Compliance-----Fletcher Callanta

>>> jbatta 09/19/07 12:12 >>>

FYI:

I've just talked to Stan Medina from the WD. The hi-line will start tomorrow Thursday 9/20. The letter will be hand delivered this afternoon to the impacted houses. Copy attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, jamal

**From:** John Brown  
**To:** Jamal Batta  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 12:27 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Urgent Help needed -Sole Source Consultant Agreement

Hasan,

It goes without saying keep the information flowing on our work. Consider any request on Mt Soledad like a constituent calling in an Emergency Pothole repair, immediate response.

Who is issuing the task order for the crack seal (Ed Celaya?).

JRB

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>>> Jamal Batta 9/19/2007 11:42 AM >>>

John:

We have contacted Street Division to seal the cracks and two point/location repairs. We already sent the location to Streets. also we can meet staff on site to coordinate. It is critical that we do these before the rain forecasted for this weekend.

Please let me know if you need any questions.

Thanks, jamal

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>>> John Brown 9/19/2007 7:48:11 AM >>>

Afshin,

My understanding is that there isn't any immediate Street Division actions but we will provide support as needed. If the Street needs crack sealing, trench repair due to potholing, or other repairs due to the distress.

Hasan Yousef (OCA Deputy Director) will be the initial point of contact until the specific field assignment is defined. Hasan and I will discuss today who will handle the field operations (if you have any items). It may either be our Roadway section or Trench Repair team.

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>>> Afshin Oskoui 9/18/2007 1:45 PM >>>

FYI, Jim, Chris, Mario

Please provide Jamal w/ your point of contact person so he can coordinate the daily issues with them.

Thanks, Afshin

>>> Jamal Batta 09/18/2007 11:34:24 AM >>>

I developed that attached actions plan as a result of our meeting this morning. I'll keep updating the spread sheet and will add to it other items as we move on with this project.

Thanks, jamal

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>>> Afshin Oskoui 9/18/2007 7:22 AM >>>

Tammy,

Just a heads up that we'll need your help to approve and process a sole source consultant agreement for a Geotechnical Consultant services for the Soledad Mtn Road. The road and associate underlaying soil is showing signs of distress and possible movement, and we want to investigate it immediately as a health and safety issue. We are contacting some consultants to see who will accept the scope of work and will process an agreement post haste. We'll follow up w/ the necessary paper work as soon as we've identified the consultant who will perform the work. Your help is much appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,  
Afshin

CC: Afshin Oskoui; Hasan Yousef; Mario Sierra

**From:** Michael Handal  
**To:** Kristine Jaworski  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 12:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road - Code 50 Memo

I think it is Public Liability Fund?

>>> Kristine Jaworski 9/19/2007 9:35 AM >>>

Hi Michael,  
What does PLF stand for as a possible funding source?  
Thanks, Kristine

>>> Jamal Batta 9/18/2007 1:06 PM >>>

Please format the attached memo and route it through the system.

Thanks, jamal

**CC:** Jamal Batta

**From:** Jim Fisher  
**To:** JBatta@sandiego.gov  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 12:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers (Out of the Office)

I will be out of the office on September 19th. Please contact Stan Medina at (619)527-7434 or SMedina@sandiego.gov for assistance.

**From:** Mark Mercer  
**To:** Jamal Batta; Richard Haas  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 12:33 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

Shouldn't we take some preventive measures for the rain that will be occurring soon.....

Mark M. Mercer  
Deputy City Attorney  
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(619) 533-5856 (facsimile)

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>>> Jamal Batta 09/19/07 12:30 PM >>>

Yes, I am communicating with Jaymie on this. Jaymie will walk it down to CD1 and show it to them. Afterward we will sign it and send it out.

Thanks, jamal

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>>> Richard Haas 9/19/2007 12:16:35 PM >>>

As Jaymie stated, District One needs to see the final letter BEFORE it is sent out. D1 needs to be on the letter's cc:

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>>> Jamal Batta 9/19/2007 11:25:29 AM >>>

Rob:

I'll finalize the letter and send it out. I have the date now for the highline. I agree that we should take the word "soil movement" out of the letter. This will not change the intention and purpose of the letter, in addition this is not a certain cause to the leak.

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**From:** Jaymie Bradford  
**To:** Stevens, Alisa  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 1:17 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mtn.

Okay thanks. Just to be clear - you are scanning the signed letter and emailing me to share with D1, correct?

>>> Alisa Stevens 9/19/2007 1:01:53 PM >>>  
attached is the final letter that will be sent in for signature.

>>> Jaymie Bradford 09/19/07 12:52 PM >>>  
Thanks. Looks fine - minor, I know, but I'd suggest changing Council District 1 (on the cc) to Council President Scott Peters and put him first. Will you be sending back a signed version I can share with D1? How long do you expect to be using the highline, or does it depend on what you find?

>>> Alisa Stevens 9/19/2007 12:48:18 PM >>>  
Per Jamal, please see the attached final draft letter and send in your comments before final for signature.

**CC:** Batta, Jamal



**From:** Duncan Hughes  
**To:** Jamal Batta; Julio Fuentes  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 1:40 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road

Same question: What is a safe speed?

Thanks,

Duncan

>>> Jamal Batta 09/19/07 1:29 PM >>>  
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Yes.

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Duncan

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**CC:**

Deborah Van Wanseele; Michael Handal

**From:** Michael Handal  
**To:** Jamal Batta; Marshall Wilkinson; Rob Hawk; Ron Dodds; Stan Medina  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 1:51 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Soledad Mtn Rd & Desert View Dr

Hi;

Please see the e-mail below from Street division on their plans to seal & patch the road.

Michael

>>> Gene Matter 9/19/2007 1:38 PM >>>

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**CC:** Gene Matter; Jose Castillo

**From:** Michael Handal  
**To:** Gene Matter  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 1:14 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Soledad Mountain Road

The contractor or if your crews can help with this task.

>>> Gene Matter 9/19/2007 1:09 PM >>>

Michael,

If I find a contract seal contractor that can do the work tomorrow, who is going to issue a permit and enforce the "No Parking Signs"?

Gene.

>>> Michael Handal 09/19/07 1:06 PM >>>

Gene;

here is the info we discussed.

Michael

>>> Michael Handal 9/19/2007 12:51 PM >>>

Stan;

1- I attached the location map for the site & list of addresses. The attached information includes information for the homes in the back alley where we have asked that a fire hydrant be temporarily killed across from 5734 Desert View Drive.

2- I am not sure of how far you need to go in your hiline work on Soledad Mtn Rd. in order to accommodate our project limit from 5735 - 5685 Soledad Mountain Road. The list includes the homes on the west side of the street that may be impacted too (5736-5702 Soledad Mtn Rd.)

Michael

>>> Jamal Batta 9/19/2007 11:26 AM >>>

Mike Handal has the addressees and will send them to you (pdf file).....jamal,

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>>> Stan Medina 9/19/2007 11:25:17 AM >>>

Jamal,

In order to establish our scope of work and develop the actual foot print of the project, I'll need the addresses of the homes on Soledad Mt. Rd. The sooner I receive those, the sooner we can begin our construction process.

Stan Medina  
Construction Program Manager  
Water Department, Operations  
619-527-7434

>>> Jamal Batta 9/18/2007 4:16:38 PM >>>

Stan:

It is my understanding that City forces are ready to mobilize to highline the water main. Please let me know the schedule if available, or once it becomes available. Our work will be on the east side of the road.

Also we would like , if possible, to shut down the FH on the alley below. It is located at 5734 Desert View Drive. Please let me know if this is doable or if I need to coordinate with the Fire Department first.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, jamal

**CC:** Hasan Yousef; Jamal Batta; Jose Castillo; Rob Hawk

**From:** Duncan Hughes  
**To:** Jamal Batta; Julio Fuentes  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 1:56 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road

OK, thanks. We'll look into it.

>>> Jamal Batta 09/19/07 1:46 PM >>>  
I'll say around 30 mph  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Rd & Desert View Dr

Stan:

The cracks are in the street right of way in the 5700 block of Soledad Mountain Rd. You can say the closest crack to the homes is located in the street at about 10 ft from the curb in front of these 4 houses.

Thanks, jamal

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>>> Stan Medina 9/19/2007 2:25 PM >>>

Jamal,

Is the crack as stated below, the homes which are in danger?

Stan Medina  
Construction Program Manager  
Water Department, Operations  
619-527-7434

>>> Michael Handal 9/19/2007 1:59:12 PM >>>

Gene;

Please note this correction to the crackseal limits.

Corona Ct is off of Soledad Rd not Soledad Mountain Road. **The crackseal limit is on Soledad Mountain Road from 5735-5685 Soledad Mountain Road.**

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**CC:** Alex Ruiz



**From:** Jamal Batta  
**To:** AOskoui@sandiego.gov  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 10:00 PM  
**Subject:** Soledad Mountain Road

Afshin:

I am talking with Traffic Ops to reduce the traffic speed on the road to minimize vibration.

We are in touch with all dry utility companies including SDG&E for their gas line.

I was thinking that at some point, we may need to get in touch with the Fire and Police Departments to alert them about the situation of the road / slope, in case they want to draw their contingency plan in the event of a disaster.

Thanks, jamal

**CC:** RHaas@sandiego.gov,DZoumaras@sandiego.gov

## **Jim Fisher - Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers**

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**Date:** Wednesday, September 19, 2007 9:57:21 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

Rob, do you want me to insert this sentence?

Mark

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Cc: AOskoui@sandiego.gov; RuizA@sandiego.gov

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I think we should keep the cause of the water leak out of the letter. It could be indication that our water line caused the leaks.

Regards,

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**From:** Jamal Batta  
**To:** Rob Hawk  
**Date:** Wed, Sep 19, 2007 11:25 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road water line/letter to customers

Rob:

I'll finalize the letter and send it out . I have the date now for the highline. I agree that we should take the word "soil movement " out of the letter. This will not change the intention and purpose of the letter, in addition this is not a certain cause to the leak.

Thanks, jamal

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>>> Richard Haas 9/19/2007 9:10:02 AM >>>

Here are my suggested edits. Please note in the opening sentence, were the breaks caused by soil movement?

Also, we need to brief District 1 before this letter goes out.

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**From:** Jamal Batta  
**To:** Stan Medina  
**Date:** 9/19/2007 11:27:01 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road

Mike Handal has the addressees and will send them to you (pdf file).....jamal,

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>>> Stan Medina 9/19/2007 11:25:17 AM >>>

Jamal,

In order to establish our scope of work and develop the actual foot print of the project, I'll need the addresses of the homes on Soledad Mt. Rd. The sooner I receive those, the sooner we can begin our construction process.

Stan Medina  
Construction Program Manager  
Water Department, Operations  
619-527-7434

>>> Jamal Batta 9/18/2007 4:16:38 PM >>>

Stan:

It is my understanding that City forces are ready to mobilize to highline the water main. Please let me know the schedule if available, or once it becomes available. Our work will be on the east side of the road.

Also we would like , if possible, to shut down the FH on the alley below. It is located at 5734 Desert View Drive. Please let me know if this is doable or if I need to coordinate with the Fire Department first.

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**CC:** Alex Ruiz; Michael Handal

**From:** Rob Hawk  
**To:** Ruiz, Alex  
**Date:** September 19, 2007 11:30:03 AM  
**Subject:** Soledad Mountain Road Highline

Alex: can you let us know when you could go forward, & which side of the road? We would prefer the West side, with the laterals in shallow trenches across the pavement. Could you coordinate with Michael Handal and Jamal Batta & copy me? To restate what I said earlier, the sooner the better especially to avoid any further leaks. Rob Hawk

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>>> Alex Ruiz 9/19/07 9:07:51 AM >>>

Rob: What the urgency on the highline? Pull out all stops to get it done tomorrow? By Friday? Right now the team is looking at Monday, unless we want to do it on overtime....

Alex

(619) 533-6692  
Assistant Director  
Water Department

>>> Rob Hawk 9/19/2007 9:01 AM >>>

FYI: These action items or tasks have been performed as of Tuesday 9/18/07 by ECP staff following the 9/17/07 meeting.

1. Michael Handal & Jamal Batta have been tasked with the project management duties for the investigation and construction of the stabilization.

2. ECP Staff met on site Tuesday afternoon with Stan Helenschmidt and Mike Hart from Helenschmidt Geotechnical, Inc. This is what we agreed on:

a. The geotechnical consultant will give us a proposal by tomorrow to install inclinometers to measure the earth movement and displacement (if any).

b. The geotechnical proposal will be ready by Friday or Monday at the latest. The proposal will include soil exploration and investigation. Prepare plans and specs for construction. Fees and schedule.

c. Field Engineering will do the survey.

3. Jaymie Bradford, Mario Sierra, John Brown, and Hasan Yousef have been added to the general

distribution list for this issue

4. SDG&E was contacted regarding protecting their utilities and will contact Jamal. (Maricela Leon 858.654.8339 Fax 858.636.3965 [mleon@sempraulilities.com](mailto:mleon@sempraulilities.com) )

5. The text of the letter to homeowners was provided by the Water Department, and has been reviewed by a Deputy City Attorney and has been sent to the management group for review prior to mailing (planned for Wednesday).

6. Carol Drummand, Senior PIO, was named as the Hotline contact for this project. She toured the site today with Jamal, Rob, Michael and the geotechnical consultants.

7. The Building Official and DSD geology staff were briefed on the geotechnical issues and risk concerns for the area residents by Rob Hawk on Monday, 9/17/07.

8. ECP Field Engineering agreed to set up a survey monitoring grid to detect vertical and horizontal displacement in the affected area. Points to be set on 9/19/07

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